

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Palestine TX
March 18, 2020

New Updates:

After much prayer and consultation with experts, the Diocese of Tyler has issued new instructions to all the Parishes in our Diocese. These take effect March 18, 2020 and will last until **at least April 1, 2020.**

- **All public Masses are suspended.** This includes daily and Sunday Mass.
- **Priests will still celebrate Mass privately for the intentions of the people.** If you requested a Mass intention, then a Mass will be said for that intention.
- The people are encouraged to keep the Lord's Day holy. You are encouraged to read the Scripture Readings for the day, reflect on them, and pray devotions like the Rosary and Stations of the Cross. Please see: usccb.org ewtn.com dioceseoftyler.org
- During this time, consider making a spiritual communion (see below) and joining your sufferings to the sufferings of Christ for the salvation of the world (e.g. Colossians 1:24).
- Stations of the Cross, Adoration, the reconciliation service on March 25, and other public devotions are also cancelled. However, the chapel will be open for personal prayer.
- Instead of all-day Adoration on Thursdays, we will offer a Holy Hour at 3 PM on Thursdays in the Church rather than in the Chapel.
- We will still offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). We have expanded our Confession times. Confessions will be in the Chapel next to the office. There is a partition between the priest and the penitent.
- Confession times:
 - Monday—Noon to 1 PM
 - Tuesday—Noon to 1 PM
 - Wednesday—5 PM to 6 PM
 - Thursday—6 PM to 7 PM
 - Friday—6 PM to 7 PM
 - Saturday—4 PM to 5 PM
- The office will be open at its normal times.
- If necessary, we will celebrate small funerals.
- Remember to pray for our Pope, our Bishop, our Civil Leaders, the people who are sick, and the people who care for them.
- **Prayer of Spiritual Communion:**
 - My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.